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THEY REPRESENT US

Our attention can easily be diverted from the commission given to the Church to preach the Gospel "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The problem of how to save our own skins in an atomic age may be used to vindicate our neglect of this primary and continuous purpose of our Lord. Besides, many feel, there is an iron curtain being spread ever larger and more effective, blocking the way for the dissemination of the Gospel. Let us not forget that there have been iron curtains before which have been detoured or penetrated by Christian missionary effort.

On January 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with its story of the Wise Men who represented the great gentile world, reminding us of the privilege and responsibility of carrying the gospel to distant lands. This leads us right into the program of the Church at the opening of the year 1950. This month will be devoted to reading, studying, preaching about the Church's work overseas. There are still many open doors. We still have in many distant fields doctors, nurses, teachers, evangelists hard at work. Some of these missionaries have been sent out from the Church at home; many more are natives who have been trained for effective leadership. These missionaries all represent us in the Church's work overseas.

We are still represented by our missionaries in China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Haiti, Liberia, Cuba, India, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico, together with such extra-continental fields as Alaska, Honolulu, Panama Canal Zone, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico.

We are even planning to open an entirely new field of work in Okinawa, where more than four years ago U. S. arms won a famous and costly victory. The battle of Okinawa completely wrecked the island's simple farming and fishing economy, natives and occupying troops are inadequately housed, and confronted with many serious moral problems. Major General Josef R. Sheets, who is in command, believes that the United States has far more than strategic interests on Okinawa: it carries, he says, "the moral responsibility of a Christian people to others." The Episcopal Church has been assigned responsibility for the upper half of this island. Students in the senior class of one of our seminaries are volunteering to man this new work. They too will represent us.

Could you live on $1,950 per year, if you had a wife and four children, with eggs at $1.35 per dozen and butter $1.00 per pound? That is what some of the missionary clergy of Hawaii are asked to do. Some clerical families have to neglect their needs for clothing, food, and medical care because they cannot afford them, even with special allowances.

Have you heard of a children's home under the direction of the Church, caring for children of all races and creeds, having to close its doors this year, after thirty-five years of operation, because of lack of funds? This had to be done in one of our mission fields.

Have you heard of a Church hospital, the only non-leper hospital on an island, ministering to all sorts and conditions of men, that must close its doors as of January 1, 1950, so far as the Church is concerned, for lack of funds? This is happening to one of our Church hospitals.

Do you know the opportunities in American Samoa, in Pago Pago, which has technically been under the direction of the Church for many years, but where we have been unable to really minister to the people? Because the Church has never had the funds to place a priest in residence.

Are you acquainted with the fact that we have dense areas, as well as sparsely populated areas, in our far-flung overseas missions where literally millions of children know not God nor his Son, Jesus Christ? The Church has abundant opportunities through schools, which should be established to teach them of God's grace and of our Lord's loving care.

The world is our field, regardless of race, culture or geographical location. We must untie the hands of the bishops, clergy and workers in the field, many of whom struggle against great odds, often under most discouraging circumstances, and living conditions that are deplorable, and which no devout Churchman would want his priest to endure.

The Christian religion is creeds and deeds, but it is also Christian living and giving.

SEND YOUR ORDER EARLY

Orders are coming in fast and faster for the promotional material for ONE WORLD IN CHRIST. The National Council pointed out that it is still too early to expect long-distance orders to come in, but that the response already indicates wide interest and that indications are that the topic for January, "The Church's Work Overseas" will be studied in many parishes all through the Church. "When the people know, they will respond."

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Bishop Hart's Message

An informed diocese is an interested diocese. The large attendance at the diocesan meeting for vestrymen at Holy Trinity showed their desire to take part intelligently in the work of the diocese. Some of the questions asked showed that we have failed to get vital information to our Vestrymen.

One of the weakest points seemed to be ignorance of the function of the Executive Council of the diocese and how its members were elected. On paper we have a very democratic system but it hasn't worked very well in practice.

On April 5th the Secretary of the Convention, the Rev. Charles H. Long, D.D., mails to each rector three copies of a preliminary ballot which contains the names of the present members of the Executive Council. The rector is supposed to give these ballots immediately to the three delegates chosen to represent that parish. The delegates are supposed to send Dr. Long any nominations that they care to make. For example: you are a delegate and you know a man in your parish who could be of great help to the diocese in some phase of its work. You nominate him and get nine other delegates to second his nomination. Our diocesan canons require that a nominee must have ten votes. This method could be very effective but the fact that no men are so nominated is proof that it isn't.

Why doesn't it work? We would like to hear from all interested laymen on this subject. I have been told that in some cases, rectors are slow in passing on the notices to their delegates. In other cases the delegates are not chosen until a few days before the Convention and the time limit for sending in nominations has passed. In this connection it would be very helpful if a vestryman who has served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention would discuss with the vestry what such service means. If your vestry is not already acquainted with the packet—"So, YOUR'RE A VESTRYMAN" published by The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work—have a delegate take the sheet on "So, YOU'RE GOING TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION" and discuss it at a vestry meeting. A young vestryman told me with great enthusiasm how his rector was using this packet most effectively at their vestry meetings. At each meeting a vestryman leads in the discussion on one sheet. There are ten sheets in the packet. If your vestry hasn't used them, you could select six—one for each monthly meeting—January through June.

I am eager to help in any way that I can. We have such a grand group of laymen in the diocese. Once they know how much we need their help *in planning* the work of the diocese, as well as its execution, our diocese will go from strength to strength.

Faithfully your Bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

Boys of Episcopal Academy stand by as Bishop Hart plants tree on the school grounds in memory of Bishop Brent.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG FINDS FELLOWSHIP

We have all heard the Church spoken of as the family of God on earth. Our usual experience of that blessed fellowship is found in the parish unit, where we see expressions of the concern of the family for its members in the prayers offered at the altar; both of thanksgiving and petition. I would want you to know something of the gratefulness with which I am possessed for the gentle and loving concern that has issued from our Church family across this diocese during the past several months for my wife and for me. Your prayers have upheld and strengthened both of us as we lived with the knowledge of our forthcoming earthly separation. Your prayers gave us the courage to accept new responsibility even when I wondered if I could deal with present ones. Then when S.S. Simon and Jude came your spirit and your faith upheld me each step of the way. One cannot over-estimate the power of such prayer. Nor can one fail to recognize that we have a great privilege in serving as a means of God's grace for one another.

So often we criticize when we ought to pray. The prayers of the faithful make it possible for weakness to become strength. I do thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart, and I bid you pray more and more for one another that God's grace may so abound in His family that all mankind may be drawn through its fellowship to Him.

God grant you to a blessed Nativity.

GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG
Suffragan Bishop

ORDINATIONS

On November 19th at St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario Streets, Bishop Hart advanced two deacons to the priesthood. The Rev. James Bryce Clark, presented by the Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, will continue his work as vicar of St. Ambrose Mission. The Rev. Stanley Anthony Powell, presented by the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, will continue as vicar of Christ Church, Eddington, and St. Paul's Church, Edgley. The sermon was preached by Bishop Hart.

Bishop Armstrong conducted his first ordination at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, on December 3, when he ordained Mr. Dudley DaCosta Cobham to the diaconate. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Matthew W. Davis. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop, rector of St. Philip's Church, New York, where Mr. Cobham will serve as assistant.

Mr. David E. Seaboldt, who for many years served effectively as a Lay Reader in this Diocese, was ordained deacon on November 19th by the Rt. Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, Bishop of Kansas, at Grace Church, Wetmore, Kansas, where Mr. Seabolt has been serving as Lay Reader, and where he will continue to exercise his ministry.

PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Annual Service of Matriculation was held at The Divinity School in Philadelphia on Thursday, December 1. Thirty students signed the Matriculation Book and were formally welcomed by Dean Gifford. The preacher was the Right Reverend William P. Remington, S.T.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania, who spoke of the vital necessity of a regular, disciplined life of prayer for those serving in the ministry.

The first BOOK HOUR of the season was held in the William Bacon Stevens Library of the Philadelphia Divinity School on Wednesday, November 16th, 1949 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Edgar C. Young, the faculty librarian, presided. Dean Gifford gave an interesting review of the new book, "Preaching and the Dramatic Arts" by E. Winston Jones. Dr. C. Edward Hopkin followed with an inspiring review of the book, "The Bible in the Church" by Robert M. Grant.

CHURCH FURNITURE EXCHANGE

The Committee on Church Furniture of the diocese has sent a letter to the clergy enclosing a list of furnishings and other articles which might be classed as surplus, and which would be available for gift or sale to other parishes or missions. It is important that these lists be checked and returned promptly.

Much good can be accomplished by responding to this effort; the articles no longer useful in one place will serve a good purpose elsewhere. For instance: a baptismal font from one church was very much needed by one of our missions; junior choir vestments, surplus in a parish, were much needed in another mission; 58 surplus chairs in one parish, much needed in another; a brass sanctuary rail and cushions, from a parish to a mission; many such exchanges have been affected.

The following are articles at present listed as surplus:

2 Altar rails, 5 Large Bibles, Brass candle stick, Small chairs (primary department), 4 choir stalls, Baptismal Font, Hymn board, Hymn books, Kneeling benches, 3 lecterns, 5 small organs, 3 pianos, 2 prayer desks, 1 large pulpit, 5 sedalias.

In addition Sheltering Arms has for sale a 10 burner, 2 oven Magic Chef Gas Range which might be used in enlarging parish house kitchen facilities.

Please contact the Furniture Committee by calling Church House, SPruce 4-6650 if you are interested in any of these items.

BOOK FOR LENT

The Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, 1950, is *The Atoning Life by* Henry Sylvester Nash. It was written more than forty years ago by the father of the present Bishop of Massachusetts. It will be republished in January by Harpers. Price $1.00.

DIOCESAN LIBRARY

New books added to the Diocesan Library at the Church House are:

"Lessons on Living," Albert E. Cliffe; "Best Sermons 1949-50," G. Paul Butler; "Gathering Storm," Winston Churchill; "Their Finest Hour," Winston Churchill; "Old Wine and New Bottles," Gardiner M. Day; "In Our Image," Houston Harte; "Prayer Works," Austin Pardue; "History of the New Testament," Robert H. Pfeiffer; "I Want to Live." J. N. Thompson; "Why Jesus Died," Pierre Van Passen; "Answer Without Ceasing," M. L. Reinbech; "Toward the Conversion of England," William Temple; "The Church," J. W. C. Ward.

CLERGY PENSIONS

The Diocese of Pennsylvania has 35 retired clergymen who are beneficiaries of the Church Pension Fund. Under the new ruling in regard to benefits, all but two of this number have been substantially increased. These two were already receiving more than the new minimum of $1,500.

In this Diocese there are five beneficiaries who are classified as disabled. Each one of these is receiving a larger pension than last year.

There are 78 widows of clergymen of this Diocese, all of whom have benefitted by the new ruling except four.

There are six orphans of clergymen who are recipients of grants of the Pension Fund, and each one of them has been increased. In one instance the increase assured the continuance of a college education for the recipient.

The total number of these beneficiaries is 124. Under the old figures in force last year their total benefits amounted to $68,000. The revised figure now amounts to $114,486.

Premiums sent in to the Church Pension Fund under last year's rate of 10 per cent of salaries amounted to $100,000. Under the new 15 per cent rate the total amount of premiums from the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be $150,000.

The Star and the Child

By The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington

Looking up at the stars is great exercise for the soul no matter where you are or at what stage in your life. The clear, cold winter nights are best, and when you are alone. Even on top of some big building in Philadelphia you can forget for a while the stream of busy little ants trying to heap up their dust hills and turn them into gold; you can blot out even the stream of lights gleaming from advertisements or the continuous line of automobiles and taxicabs.

However, looking up at the stars and pondering the meaning of the universe never gave man a satisfactory interpretation of what was in *him*, himself. A sense of mystery, of power and limitless majesty. Yes, these may have been the beginnings of religion, but the thought was in him and not in the stars. The mastery by man of his environment is now a fact, but we still gaze blankly up at the stars and wonder what man is going to do with the earth and the sky and the sea which he has put in subjection. A kingdom with man on the throne will go to smash without a better lord and master than man has shown himself to be. What is needed is a changed man, a good will, redeemed by the power of the Incarnation.

We must have The Star *and* The Child; the Star to point the way and the Child to incarnate the Will. Without the Word made flesh, without the expression of the divine and perfect Good Will, nothing is accomplished. He *is* love and truth and beauty. This is the reason why we must have a Church and why we must support it in every way by gifts, by service, and through common worship. The Wise Men of our generation will see and follow and then will open their treasures, the best they have, and their souls will be at peace.

eral Convention accepted the responsibility for the 1200 which were allocated to the Episcopal Church.

There were of course very few DP's belonging to the Anglican Communion but our Church and the Church of England agreed to assume responsibility for the Old Catholics and the Orthodox peoples whose churches are affiliated with ours. Many of this group will not have the opportunity of resettlement in the United States unless many more assurances are sent in through our Church. The remarkable showing already made by this Diocese is only an indication of what we should accomplish.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG RESIDES IN EDDINGTON

Bishop Armstrong is now in residence in Eddington, sharing with the Rev. Stanley Powell the rectory of Christ Church. Eddington is located near the Delaware River, between Torresdale and Bristol, and is in the center of one of the most extensive geographical divisions of the Diocese. It is in Bucks County and in the Convocation of Germantown. All mail for Bishop Armstrong should be addressed to the Church House, 202 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

The Episcopal Academy

The Annual Christmas Pageant of the Episcopal Academy was presented on December 20th and 21st, prior to the closing of school for the Christmas holidays. The pageant, which was directed by John N. Sumner was warmly acclaimed by capacity crowds of parents and friends.

The pageant was presented in the Academy Chapel in tableau form with a narrator providing the necessary readings from the Bible. The Chapel choir of fifty voices, under the direction of Hugh H. McClelland, accompanied the audience in numerous Christmas carols, as well as presenting several suitable selections of their own.

The costumes were prepared by a parents committee headed by Mrs. Howard H. Rapp and Mrs. Eugene Pinheiro, assisted by Harry A. Harris, head of the Episcopal Art Department.

In addition to their own pageant twenty boys from the Academy participated in a Swedish Christmas Pageant, which was presented at Old Swedes Church. Miss Katherine Rambo, the Academy librarian directed the pageant, which was televised and filmed in order that it might be sent to Sweden.

The boys who participated in this pageant included John C. Roak, Jr., Bradford Roak, Robert Roak, sons of the rector of Gloria Dei Church. Others from the Academy were Kirk Hall, Samuel Niness, George Challis, Elwood Griffiths, David Haslam, William Crawford, Jay Rippard, Roy and Matthew Vollmer, John Hancock, Francis Barrington, Thomas Creese, Howard Smith, James Brennan, William Faries, John Schoeninger and Shaler Stidham, Jr.

Students of the Episcopal Academy presenting their Christmas pageant.

The student vestry of the Academy are conducting their annual campaign for funds to be distributed among the welfare groups chosen by the students. The goal of the Upper School is $1,000.00, an increase over last year's figures. The money will be distributed to: Community Chest, Cancer Crusade, Salvation Army and the Red Cross Fund.

Several members of the Upper School will accompany the Academy chaplain, the Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, to the annual Buck Hill Co-ed Preparatory School Conference in January. Professor Norman Whitney of Syracuse University and the Rev. Grant Noble of Williamstown, Mass., will be the principal speakers of the conference.

Dr. Theodore A. Distler, president of Franklin and Marshall College, was the principal speaker at the 11th annual Fall Athletic Dinner, held in honor of the championship football team and the soccer squad.

Andrew G. Knox, basketball coach, presented the Phil Lillie award for the most valuable player who combines ability with sportsmanship and courtesy to Kenneth C. Smith. Smith was captain of the football team which won the Inter-academic championship for the fourth consecutive year.

Benjamin Heyward presented the Alumni gold soccer ball in memory of those alumni who lost their lives in World War II to Charles Bazemore, the captain of the soccer team.

Both Smith and Bazemore are officers in the Student Vestry at Episcopal.

Gold footballs were presented to the football team by James H. Bell, of the Alumni Association.

Other speakers included Dr. Greville Haslam, headmaster; John H. Brinton, Director of Athletics, who was toastmaster; John Orsi, Raymond Keegan, James Brennan and Charles Soleau of the football coaching staff; and George Davis and John A. Jarvis, of the soccer coaching staff.

The Domino Club presented a fine production of "The Hasty Heart" earlier this month. The profits were allocated to the student Fund, which represents the students' participation in the Academy's United Annual Giving Fund. Outstanding in the cast was James Foley.

"I Was In Prison and Ye Came Unto Me"

The ministrations of our Church through the City Mission to persons confined in the prisons of the Philadelphia area are probably more extensive than most Church members realize.

Three of our Chaplains have as principal assignments (they have other work as well) ministration to prisoners at Eastern State Penitentiary, Graterford, the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg and that known as Moyamensing.

Our work at all these institutions follows the same general pattern but with certain minor variations.

Religious Services

At Eastern State Penitentiary a Choral Eucharist every Sunday is sung in unison by the men. Attendance varies from 50-115 (Summer attendance, as in parish churches, falls off!) At Graterford Services are held every Sunday except the fourth in the month. The Holy Communion is celebrated once a month. Attendance ranges from 50-75 men. At Holmesburg, Services are held every Sunday with Holy Communion once a month. Attendance about 60 men. At Moyamensing Services are held on the third and fourth Sundays of the month with attendance in two departments (men and women) above 100.

Special services on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter are held at both Holmesburg and Moyamensing. A week-day Service is held in the Women's Department at Moyamensing. Once a month this Service is the celebration of Holy Communion. Other days a short devotional Service precedes a Bible Class.

In two institutions prisoners play for the services.

There are Baptisms and Confirmations from time to time.

Bible Classes

These are held weekly at Eastern State Penitentiary, and Holmesburg, as well as Moyamensing. Meetings for four months at Eastern State Penitentiary are devoted to preparation for Confirmation. Other meetings here and at Holmesburg follow the same pattern with a large part of the time given to discussion. Attendance is very good—running as high as 50 men. (Many a Parish would be glad to have a Men's Bible Class with such attendance!)

Interviews

Chaplains are available for interviews at the conclusion of all Services and also on one day each week. Men come for interviews by appointment, not to discuss trivial matters, but serious problems which, in many cases, relate to their families. The weekly number of such interviews is about 15 at each institution.

Prompt contact is made with all newly admitted prisoners. Invitations to our Services and Bible Classes are extended to all such men not connected with any church already represented by a chaplain in the prison.

Chaplains also visit patients in the prison infirmaries. These visits rise above 50 every month.

It is a pleasure to report that our Chaplains receive cordial cooperation from the staff of the various prisons.

Our Chaplain Smith closes his statement thus: "Of course in our prison work we meet with many and various individual problems, too many and too varied to mention, but I do feel, from my years of experience, that while we can only solve a limited number of these problems, yet the Church, through her ministrations, does help these men to bear what they cannot escape, and to become better and stronger Christians. I am sure that the religion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Church, is the one sustaining power that gives hope and courage and faith in their otherwise drab and colorless existence behind the gray, gray walls. . . .

"May I end this little article by bidding your prayers for these men—your brothers and mine in the Church—and also for those of us whose privilege it is to work with them."

INSTITUTE ON SOCIAL RELATIONS

The Department of Christian Social Relations will hold an institute for representatives of parishes at the Memorial Church of the Advocate, on Thursday, January 19, 1950, starting at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be served, at which time the Rev. Robert A. Magill, former Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the National Council will speak. An evening session will be held. Three representatives are expected from each parish.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Let the Displaced Persons challenge your imagination and ingenuity. If you imagine that you can place a family on a farm—somewhere—or feel that if you had a dressmaker or a mechanic available you could surely procure a job then you are on the way to providing an assurance for a DP. New regulations are now effective making it unnecessary to guarantee a specific job and a specific home for a displaced family even before they are selected in a DP camp, however it must be assured that a home and a job will be provided. It is still necessary to have a "sponsor," this might be an individual, a parish, or a group, one which is organized such as an auxiliary or merely several interested persons. In a recent pamphlet the National Council stated the responsibility of the sponsor as follows: "Sponsors agree that DP's shall not become a public charge for five years. This does not mean a legal guarantee of a job or income for five years. It does mean that sponsors will use the resources of their communities to see that dependency is avoided if possible. Health and welfare resources are available to DP's just as to others." It is really just helping the family to become happily established in the community. Can you not see yourself as part of such a program?

There is urgent need for all Protestants to promote the resettlement of DP's. In twelve months Episcopalians provided only about one eighth the number of assurances agreed upon as their just proportion. The program terminates the thirtieth of June. Shall we fail the people who are stranded in the camps?

Many have heard of our successes and the Diocese can well be proud of the good work that has been done and of those DP's who because of the activity of churchmen are now contributing to the life of our community. However when it is realized that as of the first of December only 245 out of the alloted 1200 have been sponsored through the Church is it not the duty of each of us to consider what we can do for these families and individuals who are in need of an opportunity to work for security and happiness.

Why are Episcopalians responsible for 1200 DP's? When the program was inaugurated the various denominations and nationality groups expressed the willingness to resettle certain numbers. From these figures and the proportion of the various groups in the whole DP population the final quotas were determined. At San Francisco the Gen-

Missionary Education

On January 11th at 2:00 p.m. in room 11 of the Church House there will be another meeting on Missionary Education. The subject is Japan, come and bring all your bright ideas.

EPIPHANY TEA PARTY

On Friday, January 6th, 1950, at St. Mary's House, (Department of Women of the Philadelphia Divinity School) 215 South 42nd Street, from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Alumnae Association of the Church Training and Deaconess House will welcome you to an open house and tea party. This is an annual effort to raise a Discretionary Fund for the Director of the Department of Women. You are cordially invited to come and to bring your friends, to see the House and to meet Miss Cutler and the women students. Please make your donation as generous as possible. The offerings will be presented in the chapel before the close of the party.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

In any active organization there is little time for retrospect, but two of the Club's late 1949 functions merit more than casual notice. The 25th Annual Bazaar, held at the club-house, 1919 Walnut Street, on November 15th, drew its usual large and representative attendance from many of the Diocesan parishes. In addition to an all-day "rush" on the sales of gift articles, almost 200 meals were served, and the Bazaar Committee appreciated this opportunity to assist in augmenting the Club's finances. The Christmas Party, on December 27th, in a setting of Yuletide decorations, and with the traditional turkey dinner, revived again that spirit of fellowship and "oneness," so symbolic of the Christian faith.

Despite a temporary disruption of the accustomed house service, which is still being bridged by the splendid voluntary assistance of several members, the regularly scheduled events for January will continue. Tea will be served on Tuesdays at 4:00, supper at 6:15, with the entertainment program following at 7:15, as the Club enters into the second half of its current season.

Continuing the Nativity theme, Rev. Stanley K. Gambell, pastor of Woodlands Presbyterian Church, will give a reading on "The Other Wise Man" on January 3rd; on January 10th, Dr. Joyce Michell, head of the Department of Music in the University of Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts, will again present students from that department in a choral recital. "Gardens and Landscapes in Philadelphia and Vicinity" will be portrayed in an illustrated lecture, on January 17th, by Mr. Henry Fribe, Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society; and on January 24th, Mr. Wm. H. MacIntyre, well-known clarinetist, will lead a string and woodwind ensemble. Completing the calendar on January 31st, Mrs. Jas. A. Aikens presents the Philadelphia Crescendo Club Chorus.

Special dates to be noted are the Annual Vesper Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, January 8th, at 4:30 P.M., conducted by Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Rector, St. Martin-in-the-Fields; and the Club's Annual Meeting and Election at 3:00 P.M., January 10th at the club-house.

QUIET DAYS FOR WOMEN

S. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. *Pre-Lenten Quiet Days for Women: Saturday, January 28th for Professional and Business Women.* Conductor: The Rev. Vincent F. Pottle.

Tuesday, February 14th a Quiet Day. Conductor: The Rev. Harold A. Hopkins.

Both days begin with the Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. with closing prayers at 3:00 P.M.

Please register early with The Sister-in-Charge. Telephone VIctor 4-4612.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

May we suggest a New Year's resolution? Resolved to get better acquainted with the "G.F.S." One of the easiest, most interesting and enjoyable introductions is available from the Department of Religious Education, at the Church House in the form of "Focus on Friendliness" a 51 frame filmstrip in color. This strip briefly tells the story of the Girls' Friendly Society and interprets group work in the Episcopal Church for girls. The illustrations in the G.F.S. filmstrip focus on co-operation in the parish, family and the community. "Focus on Friendliness" stresses the importance of worship as the center of all G.F.S. Activity.

Could you find a place in your winter program for "Focus on Friendliness?"

RETURNS: Members and Sponsors all know that the G.F.S. was working for the National Society during G.F.S. Week, Nov. 6-13th. Each Branch and Sponsor group did its share. The activities to raise money were as many and varied as the numbers of branches and groups participating. There were numerous card parties, food sales, auctions, candy sales and rummage sales. One branch held Open house, and as part of the entertainment showed the G.F.S. filmstrip "Focus on Friendliness." Several ambitious branches gave spaghetti suppers, one branch hand made and sold potholders and there were several package sales and parties. Many of the Junior groups found the "Blue Jean" idea fun, and filled their bluejeans for G.F.S. week. Although at this writing we have far from a final count of the returns gathered in from all our branch efforts. Up to December 1st we have received $350 for the Diocese of Pennsylvania's contribution to the National G.F.S.

Council: The midwinter Council meeting of the Diocese of Pennsylvania of the G.F.S. had been scheduled for Jan. 18th. Please note that this date is now changed to Saturday, Jan. 21st. The meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Apostles & The Mediator. A full and interesting program is planned, with a business session in the morning, time out for a box lunch, each to bring her own lunch, with beverage and dessert to be provided by the hostess branch, and then an interesting afternoon session with a fine speaker. More details will soon be available, but in the meanwhile please change the date on your calendar to the 21st.

Our very best wishes for a happy New Year.

PRESIDING BISHOP'S HEALTH

Presiding Bishop Sherrill is making a splendid recovery from his recent operation for diverticulitis. The doctors say that he will be in better health than he has enjoyed for many years past. It is expected that he will be in the hospital until early December and will then go to his home in Boxford, Mass., to convalesce. It is likely that he will be there until early in the new year.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

"The glory of our opportunity as women in the life of the Church and the radiant joy that we may know in His Holy Fellowship," these are the words on which the committee in charge "dared" to base the program of the recent Triennial Meeting. May I suggest to the women of this diocese that we make them our keynote for the year just beginning. The Triennial experience gave us much to remember and to ponder. Perhaps the most precious souvenir from those San Francisco days is the Meditations by Dr. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Trinity Church, Boston. They are now available in booklet form at the W.A. Bookshop. A must for all chairmen of Prayer and Worship; a treasure for every Church woman.

The meeting of presidents of parish and mission branches on November 30th was, we trust, as helpful to the presidents as it was to the diocesan officers. We met this group, including many new officers, with a feeling of thankfulness that the leadership of the women in parish and mission is in such good hands. The delight in their task shown by these leaders, the eager desire to know, proved by intelligent, thoughtful questions made the luncheon-discussion-hour which followed the meeting, a two-way valuable experience. We have in mind an Evening Presidents' meeting and it is a fact that more younger women are organizing under the ideal and program of the Woman's Auxiliary. Age is an artificial division which has no place among women with a common, worthwhile purpose. Remember that youth can be outgrown and old age is just one step this side of Heaven. May this new year bring to us all a new radiance of joy, as we answer the old but ever new call unto His Holy Fellowship.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

Do You Know That?

One of the high moments of General Convention at San Francisco, was the Joint Session when, as Chairman, Bishop Block presented the report of the Program and Budget Committee. It was a report bringing new opportunities for advance on the part of the Church, and demands for increased giving on ours.

Each of us, privileged to be there, accepted the challenge, I am sure, with the firm resolve that the measure of our opportunity would become the measure of our responsibility.

The National Council, under mandate from General Convention, must make this program a reality in the life of the Church and, that we may be better informed, has designated January as the time for us to get acquainted with our Overseas work; February, with our Home Field, and the first part of March, with the enlarged Educational Program so that, when the Presiding Bishop speaks to us, by radio, on March 12th, we shall be ready to respond.

Not long ago you and I listened, with heavy hearts, to the radio as it told of the battle of Okinawa. Now, we are asked to add that island to our missionary field. There are more than 500,000 people in Okinawa, only a few Christian, many eager for the Gospel message. It is our only new field, but we must lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes in Brazil, Cuba, Liberia, Mexico; Panama Canal Zone, which now includes work in Costa Rico, Nicaragua. Colombia and Panama; Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which comprise our Atlantic Division, and in the Pacific, Alaska, Honolulu and the Philippine Islands.

We must also cooperate with the Japanese Church so that it may build upon strong foundations, and we must be prepared to meet the needs of the Chinese Church.

What a glorious time in which to live, a time which gives you and me the opportunity to build, today, the world of tomorrow into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

House Committee

While the House Committee has made many improvements in the Woman's Auxiliary Building, there are a few things still to be accomplished. One of these is the furnishing of curtains for the now bare windows of several rooms. Anyone caring to make contributions of either material or money for this purpose, please contact the Chairman of the House Committee, Mrs. Francis C. Lea, care of the Woman's Auxiliary Office.

St. Mary's House

St. Mary's House, 215 South 42nd Street (Department of Women, Philadelphia Divinity School) needs the following things added to the dining room equipment. Would your Woman's Auxiliary like to give some of these? Or perhaps you yourself have an over supply and would be willing to share with the school. Telephone EV 6-7036.

Lemon fork, sugar spoon, 2 table cloths (for teas), cups and saucers, cake plates, knives and forks, teaspoons, small flower vases.

This picture of Bishop Hart kneeling before the altar of the Church of the Advocate, where he was consecrated, is reproduced from the 1950 Kalendar for sale at the W. A. Gift Shop.

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Church Music Activities

Lecture on Choir Conducting

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Harold W. Gilbert in a lecture and demonstration on Conducting Technique for Choir Directors, on Wednesday, January 11, 1950, at 8 P.M., at Calvary Church, Manheim Street and Pulaski Avenue, Germantown. All interested are welcome. Mr. Gilbert is well known as Organist and Choirmaster of Old St. Peter's Church and as Conductor of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia.

A Bibliography of Church Music

The Commission on Music of the Diocese of Pennsylvania announces its newest publication—a revised edition of "A Bibliography of Church Music" and allied subjects, compiled for the commission by the Rev. Herbert Boyce Satcher.

A 24-page booklet, containing most of the original list of 1937, a supplementary list of 1940, with many new additions, complete with information, such as name of publisher, type of book, and price per copy.

Copies may be obtained by sending 50 cents to the Secretary, Miss Roma E. Angel, 7808 York Road, Elkins Park, Phila. 17, Pa.

New Organ at Bryn Mawr

The Fisher Memorial Organ dedicated at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, on November 27th by the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Earp, rector emeritus, consists of four manuals and contains 56 draw stops, (53 speaking—3 tremolo), 27 couplers, 62 thumb pistons, 19 toe pistons.

Recital by Kinder

The organ of Trinity Memorial Church, 22nd and Spruce Streets has been completely reconstructed and modernized and was dedicated by the rector, Rev. B. Janney Rudderow. The work, done by Edgar H. Mangam, included change from tubular pneumatic to electro-pneumatic action, addition of a set of tubular chimes, and a new console. Mr. Ralph Kinder, for many years the popular organist at the Church of the Holy Trinity, is in charge of the music at Trinity Memorial Church, and will present a recital on the new organ, assisted by Miss Mary Jackson, soprano soloist of this church, on Saturday, January 14th, at 3:45 p.m.

The Ministry of Music At Episcopal Hospital

The words of the hymn "In Christ there is no east or west" are exemplified each Sunday in the beautiful chapel of the Episcopal Hospital. Among staff members and hospital patients who are gathered together for a reverent celebration of the Holy Communion one sees members of many races and many creeds. It is a pleasant surprise to many patients and visitors that the service is Choral Eucharist with a sermon.

Each Sunday afternoon from October to June an organ concert of sacred and classical music is presented in the chapel and amplified throughout the wards. It is with deep gratitude that we pay tribute to these devoted organists who donate their time and talents in this fine Christian service. Practically all the visiting organists are active members of the Penna. Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and come to the chapel after the completion of their morning church responsibilities.

A Chapel Choir of 22 to 25 nurses presents two recitals annually, one at Christmas and the other at the Lenten Season. One evening a week during Lent patients in beds, in wheel-chairs, as well as the ambulatory ones, are brought into the chapel to join in the singing of the old, familiar hymns and to hear a brief message from one of the chaplains.

Most of the choir members are student nurses to whom rehearsal time means a real sacrifice of time. This year the traditional candle-light Christmas Concert featured vocal compositions of Bach, Dickinson, Christiansen, Matthews, with organ numbers by Mendelssohn, Karg-Elert and Faulkes.

Nurses who can be relieved from their busy wards for one hour on Sunday mornings assist in leading the responses in the service. Their presence in uniform is a further testimony of their adherence to their basic ideal of service to humanity, regardless of whether it be physical or spiritual.

Department of Christian Education

Japan—Lenten study for Church Schools

It is none too soon to begin plans for Lent—i.e., for Rectors, Superintendents and Teachers. January and February Teachers Meetings will undoubtedly be devoted to this subject so plans must be laid far in advance and study material obtained. The Lenten Study Guide, prepared jointly by the Church School and Special Offerings Committees, will be in the mail the middle of January and will give you detailed information regarding material available —textbooks, visual aids, how to visualize your offering, etc.

The National Council has a unit on Japan for younger children, "Taro's Treasure" and for older boys and girls, "We Learn About Nippon Sei Ko Kwai." Also available is Taro's House —a Japanese house for construction, painting and demonstration (50c). This house was designed by Nadia Watson of our own diocese. See the Lenten Guide for maps, supplementary materials, etc.

To Rectors—Have you sent to National Council the card in the back of the 1949 Supplement to "Parish Helps" stating the number of Lenten Boxes you will need?

Christian Education Chart

In order to get a clearer picture and therefore have a better understanding of the Church's program for Christian Education, the Adult Committee has prepared a Chart which will be sent out to all the clergy in the diocese. The Chart clearly shows the Church's emphasis on Adult Education and the basic pamphlets describe the "why."

Of Vital Interest to Vestrymen and Other Lay Leaders

Clergy and Directors of Christian Education are eligible to attend a post-graduate class being conducted by the Rev. John Heuss, Director of the National Council's Department of Christian Education, during the second Semester at the Philadelphia Divinity School. This means our diocese has a greater opportunity than any other for in-service training of clergy and Directors.

Schedule: Wednesdays—11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—starting February 8, 1950.

Registration $1.00—Tuition $10.00.

Have your rector enroll at once for this unusual opportunity. Registration will be limited!

To Know The Christ — *To Make Him Known*

Diocesan Youth Worship Service

"Father we come, with youth and vigor pressing," about 500 strong, to the Second Annual Diocesan Youth Service on Advent Sunday, November 27th at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Some came as "second class good," all went away determined to be "first class good" with Christ as our strength. The Rev. Thorne Sparkman, D.D., Rector, The Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, the preacher, told of the "first class good" who loved the good and right *and* were prepared to pay the price demanded for them, and on the other hand, of the "second class good" who loved the good and right and stopped there at the loving—being unwilling to pay the demanded price. First class goodness always overcomes evil, second class goodness never does.

Well beloved Bishop Remington gave his greetings and then dismissed us with not only the blessing of Christ, but also a firmer and deeper commitment to Him.

A brief quotation from the Litany "Thanksgiving for the Kingdom" used at this service captures the feeling and tone:

"For the onward march of thy kingdom of right and justice;

We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord."

JANE BALL, *Chairman*
Diocesan Youth Council

Advisors please note!

How are your *Youth Cares—Youth Shares* projects coming along? You will shortly be asked to send in a report on what you are doing.

Watch for notice of your Mid-Winter District Youth Council Meeting.

Have you heard a report of the National Youth Convention? If not, invite a delegate to speak to your group.

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The following slides, filmstrips, and projectors are available for rent in Room 30.

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IN THE DIOCESE

The 50th anniversary of the ordination of the rector, Rev. Charles B. Dubell, was celebrated by St. Simeon's Church, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, culminating in the evening service on December 18, when Bishop Hart visited the parish for confirmation. Mimeographed copies of a biography of the rector were distributed as souvenirs. A decorative iron railing leading to the lectern has been presented to St. Simeon's Church in loving memory of Arthur Turley.

Groups of women from Calvary Church, Rockdale, Christ Church, Media, St. James Church, Green Ridge, and St. John's Church, Concord, recently joined together for a day's visit to St. John's Settlement house.

For the first time in 25 years at St. John's Church, Norristown, it was not necessary to use a portion of the Christmas offering to meet parish obligations to diocese. The entire offering was used for necessary renovations in the church building.

In this new year of 1950 the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, will observe its 100th anniversary. Details of the celebration will be announced later.

A new pulpit was recently dedicated at St. James Church, 68th and Woodland Avenue. The old pulpit has been placed in St. Luke's Church, Chester.

The rearrangement of the financial program at All Saints' Church, Crescentville, called for the subscription by the people of the parish to 250 bonds to make the parish entirely self-supporting. The response has been most encouraging and is expected to "go over the top."

Mr. Henry Dolan, a communicant of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for a two year term.

Bishop Harris, of Liberia (left center), and Dr. Thomas, Rector (right center), are shown with class recently confirmed at St. Barnabas Church, Germantown.

MINUTE OF STANDING COMMITTEE

At its meeting held on November 22, 1949, the Standing Committee unanimously adopted by a standing vote the following minute:

"The members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania herewith place on record their corporate sense of loss and their individual feelings of sorrow in the death of their fellow member, William Woodward Montgomery, Jr. He was first elected to membership on the Standing Committee on March 3, 1942, to complete the unexpired term of Parker Shortridge Williams, deceased, and was re-elected May 6, 1946, to serve for the ensuing five years. He died at his residence in the Barclay Hotel on August 9, 1949.

"From the first meeting Mr. Montgomery attended he proved to be an invaluable member. His long experience and distinguished practice of the legal profession fitted him uniquely for his place on the Standing Committee. His clear insight into a situation under debate, his quick and accurate appraisal of differing opinions, and his fair and impartial judgments were highly valued and appreciated, and will be greatly missed. His genial companionship was an addition to the fraternity of our meetings, so his death means a loss to us that is both personal and official."

WILLIAM H. DUBARRY
Secretary

The annual Christmas open house for Episcopal students at the University of Pennsylvania was held in Chaplain Kremer's home, with Mrs. Kremer as hostess.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Rev. Hadley Bernard Williams, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow, Mass., will become rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, beginning February 1st. Born in Vermont, son of a clergyman, educated at the University of Virginia and the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., where he graduated in 1941; ordained deacon by Bishop Sherrill, priested by Bishop Budlong. He was assistant at Trinity Church, New Haven, from 1941 to 1943, when he became rector of his present parish.

The W. A. of the Convocation of Germantown will hold a Convocation Day from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. on January 18th at the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Oak Road near Midvale Avenue.

The W. A. of the Convocation of South Philadelphia will hold an all day meeting at St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust Street, on January 24th. Bishop Armstrong will be the speaker at 2 P.M.

The annual Educational Meeting of the W. A. of the Convocation of West Philadelphia will be held at the Church of the Saviour, 38th and Ludlow Streets, on January 19th.

The annual meeting of the Church Periodical Club will be held on January 27th.

Mrs. Edmund B. Wood demonstrated to the Clerical Brotherhood at a recent meeting a film strip "Focus on Friendliness." It gives the Girls Friendly story and interprets group work for girls in the Church. This strip is available for showing in parishes, and may be arranged for through the G. F. S. or the Department of Christian Education.

Members of the Church School of Grace Church, Mount Airy, sent generous Thanksgiving donations of canned goods, jellies, etc., to All Saints' Hospital for Treatment of Tuberculosis, Chestnut Hill. In addition a Tenth Grade Boys' Class contributed $30.00 and stated in an accompanying letter: "You might like to know that we talked this over last Sunday morning, and this amount of money represents 100% of our class. We saw your need and every boy wanted to help."

A very generous Thanksgiving donation to the City Mission was provided by members of the Church of the Messiah, Roosevelt Boulevard.

The Rev. Alfred M. Smith has just celebrated his 30th anniversary as Chaplain of the City Mission.

The Christmas issue of *The Cathedral Age* published an article illustrated with photographs concerning the Memorial Church of the Advocate, where the consecration of Bishop Armstrong was recently held. Motion pictures taken of this service were recently shown to the Stirup Club of the parish at a meeting arranged for foreign students at Temple University.

The Rev. Walter Klein, Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, recently addressed the Y. P. F. of St. Barnabas Church, Haddington, where he was a former rector. He stressed the need for all kinds of clothing for the refugee camps in Palestine. Donations should be sent through Church World Service, New Windsor, Md., and marked for Palestine.

A group of neighborhood boys is meeting in the parish house of St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets, on Tuesday evenings during the winter. The group is under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and the Boy Scouts of America and will afford a well planned and organized program.

The Church of the Advocate has recently received a sound motion picture projector from Mrs. Mattie Sanders and a piano for the parish house from Mr. Frank Treston, Sr.

At a service of Solemn Evensong recently held in St. Barnabas Church, Germantown, the Rt. Rev. Bravid W. Harris, Bishop of Liberia, confirmed a class of candidates presented by the Rector, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas.

The back fence along the property of the Richmond Branch of the Seamen's Church Institute has been repaired by the maintenance crew of the nearby railroad yard.

The Independence Neighborhood Association, founded by the Rev. Allen Evans, rector of St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, has been influential in removing car tracks from Spruce and Pine Streets, repaving those thoroughfares, and having bus service provided in place of trolley cars. The Association is now engaged on a project to procure a community center for the area.

Five Norway maple trees have been planted along Cherry Street on the north side of the property of St. Clement's Church. New swinging doors have been installed at the three entrances to the church.

"*The Echo*" published by Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, announces the addition of three new teachers to the faculty of the Church School: Mrs. Emil Lewis, Miss Joyce Hipple, Miss Dorothy Schmidt. Report is also made that Mr. William Snyder, school treasurer, entered Episcopal Hospital for an operation. Besides being treasurer, Mr. Snyder is in charge of the school bus service, and is a member of the property committee of the vestry.

Bishop Hart conducted a service at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr on December 11th for the institution of the Rev. Thorne Sparkman as rector of the parish. On December 13th Bishop Hart also instituted the Rev. William P. C. Loane as rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park. On December 6th, Bishop Remington instituted the Rev. Daniel S. Wood as rector of the Church of St. James the Less.

The Rev. William I. Edwards, rector of St. George's Church, 61st and Hazel Avenue, was celebrant at a Solemn Votive Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Alban's Church, Olney, on the occasion of the golden anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Archibald Campbell Knowles, and his association with St. Alban's for fifty years.

At the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd and Morris Streets, every member, male and female, young and old, is invited once in three months to attend the regular meeting of the Chapel Committee (corresponding to a vestry) to learn about and discuss the affairs of the chapel.

An anonymous donor has sent St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, a check for the cost of painting the interior of the church edifice, the gymnasium, the hallway and library on the third floor of the parish house.

The chapel recently dedicated at Trinity Church, Ambler, is in loving memory of Nancy Gordon Kemmerer. This is inserted here to correct an error in the name which appeared in a previous issue.

Miss Lucretia Miller, a retired school teacher and long a communicant of St. Thomas Church, 52nd & Parish Streets, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on December 6 at the Home for the Aged, 44th and Girard Avenue, where she makes her home.

All Saints' Church, Crescentville, has undergone a face lifting by the rebuilding of Crescentville Road. The financial picture of this parish shows a re-grading to the level of being self-sustaining

The Place of Laymen in the Episcopal Church

Editor's Note—This article on Baptism is the first of a series dealing with the place of the Layman in the Church. Watch for others in subsequent issues.

The Episcopal Church is not solely nor primarily a church of the Bishops and clergy. Whatever may be said of the Episcopal communion it is a Church of the Laity. There are many evidences of this fact. We might profitably consider the place of the layman in connection with Holy Baptism.

The membership of our Church is recruited at the Baptismal Font. Every person who is there baptized, at once becomes a member of the Church. It is required by the "Canons" or laws of the Church that the Minister officiating at a baptism shall enter the name of the person baptized upon the Parish Register, thus enrolling him on the official list of the members of the Church.

So important is this considered, that before one can be admitted to further privileges in the Church, such as Confirmation or Ordination, it is necessary that a Baptismal Certificate be presented. This certificate is a transcript of the entry made in the Parish Register at the time of Baptism. It is important that every member of the Church secure and retain a Certificate of Baptism. It may be secured from the officiating Minister or from his successor, who has the custody of the Parish Register in which the Baptism was recorded. In secular and legal transactions a Baptismal Certificate may be of great importance in establishing the place and date of birth. Guard your Baptismal Certificate as one of your most treasured possessions.

If you do not have a Certificate of Baptism and are unable to procure one, before you can be confirmed all doubt of your baptism must be removed. So urgent is this matter, that in case of doubt the Church provides a hypothetical form of Baptism, in which, as water is poured, the Minister shall use the following words: "If thou art not already baptized, I baptize thee," etc. We cannot be members of the Church, nor enjoy its privileges, until we have been baptized. Baptism is administered in the Church building. There are exceptions to this, as in case of extreme illness; but even then it is required that one thus privately baptized be afterward brought to the Church to be received.

The importance of Baptism is further signified by the requirement that there shall be sponsors for the child. Normally there shall be for every male child two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every female, one Godfather and two Godmothers. Parents will be admitted as sponsors if it be desired, but the service cannot be completed without sponsors.

Here, at the very threshold of the Church, we see the vital place the Church gives to the Laity. As the newborn babe is admitted to membership in the Church, lay men and lay women are required to share with the clergy in the Christian nurture of the new member. While it is the duty of every clergyman to see that the children under his care are duly instructed, nevertheless, the Church places squarely upon the shoulders of the Sponsors a similar duty.

In the service of Baptism, the Sponsor is asked: "Wilt thou take heed that this child learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?" Answer: "I will, by God's help." Then, "Wilt thou take heed that this child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?" Answer: "I will, God being my helper."

Perhaps we would have a better Church if we had better Ministers. Surely we would have better members if we had better Sponsors. The sponsors are charged to see that the channels of communication between God and the soul of the child are kept open; that the child be taught to believe and to obey, and then be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed in the holy faith. The sacred obligation of Sponsorship in Baptism is too often lightly regarded or entirely forgotten. If all who have become Sponsors, and if all who have come as parents with children to the Font, were mindful of their trust, the whole life of the Church would be enriched and empowered.

The task of building the Church is not the work of the clergy alone, but of the laity as well. Children and young people are keen observers. They copy the example set for them by parents, sponsors, and others whom they regard as representatives of what a Churchman is expected to do in fulfilment of Church obligations and privileges.

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SOMETHING FOR THE MEN

BISHOP'S MEN IN THE PARISH

Realizing the great opportunity and strong challenge toward greater participation by men in the worship and the work of the Episcopal Church, a group of laymen are activating the latent forces of manpower in this Diocese—toward definite objectives and in an organized manner. This group is known as The Church Club's Committee of Bishop's Men. In order to further the plan, the committee is seeking consecrated men of initiative to act within each parish as Parochial Bishop's Men.

What Is the Purpose of the Plan?

The immediate purpose is to appoint a Bishop's Man in each Parish to serve for a period of one year—or longer only by reappointment.

What Would His Functions Be?

He would (1) receive from the central committee information concerning the activities of the Church outside of his parish and would be responsible for passing that information on within the parish.

(2) create greater activity among men in his parish in worship and in the work of the Church within and outside of his parish. (For example; it is found that men, given the opportunity, will respond enthusiastically to study and discussion groups on the subjects of Church History, Ritual, The Creed, etc.; also, a well organized Ushers Group, offers definite participation that appeals to men.)

(3) join periodically with Bishop's Men of other Parishes to further the work.

Is This "Just Another Organization"?

The men behind this movement do not constitute a new organization. This is an activity of The Church Club of Philadelphia which comprises over 275 members of The Episcopal Church from more than 74 parishes in the Diocese. The Church Club was founded in 1895 and has always included leading laymen as members.

The current development and extension group include:

Melville E. Ambler; Robert N. D. Arndt, Secretary; Wm. E. Hetzel, Jr.; Fred N. Harjes III; W. Hamilton Marsh; Owen B. Lewis, President of the Church Club; Henry Lear; Everett H. Brown, Jr.; I. Smith Raspin; Wm. P. McIlwaine; George F. Whitney; Wm. Morton West; Francis J. Chesterman; Harold C. Kellogg; Loring Dam, Executive Committee; William White, Jr.; Ellis Zimmerman; Charles M. Higbee; George H. Hill, III; Wm. Parke Heston, Chairman.

The group of Bishop's Men and each Parochial Bishop's Man will be supplied informative material stimulating men to participation in Church worship and work, available from The Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work. This committee is headed by Harvey S. Firestone and organized on a business-like basis for service to laymen everywhere.

The movement in this Diocese is neither sudden nor sporadic. It parallels very earnest, similar operations on a large and successful scale in many other and neighboring Dioceses. It is in answer to a powerful increasing demand on the part of spiritual and intelligent business and professional laymen for concerted and continuing action based on a successful plan of operation. *But the Parochial Bishop's Man is the keyman in the pattern! Progress may be made only at the level of the individual parish.*

What's the Next Step?

The next step is to volunteer yourself as a candidate for Parochial Bishop's Man in your parish—for approval and appointment by the group of men listed previously or a committee of same.

You will then be asked

(1) to subscribe to Churchways (25c a year) as a source of monthly information on Church activity.

(2) to subscribe to the CHURCH NEWS ($1.00 a year) as a source of monthly information on activities especially within the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

(3) to conscientiously familiarize yourself with special information from time to time from your committee.

(4) to seek every means possible to transmit your information to the vestry and the men of your parish and to stimulate action in your parish on things felt to be beneficial and practical. (Practical help and information is available to you to implement any of literally scores of parish activities).

(5) to develop with the movement of Bishop's Men as the movement develops. It is intended that we move carefully and grow in strength.

(6) to hold yourself in readiness to exchange experience and information on activity with Bishop's Men of other parishes.

Services of Corporate Communion

The annual custom of conducting services of Corporate Communion for men on the first Sunday in Advent (the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day) was probably more widely observed this year than previously. The three bishops celebrated in separate services: Bishop Hart, St. George's, Ardmore; Bishop Remington, Holy Trinity; Bishop Armstrong, St. Luke's, Germantown. At Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, a preparatory service was held on Saturday at 5 p.m. consisting of a series of meditations conducted by the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, followed by a supper quiet hour at 7 p.m. and the Holy Communion at 8 p.m. In most parishes the service was held early on Sunday morning with the parish clergy officiating. In some instances the Holy Communion was followed by breakfast for those in attendance.

Men of St. Martin's

Growing out of a special two-day meeting of the vestry of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, held in September on a farm in Maryland, under the leadership of the Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Jr., steps were taken toward the establishment of an organization of men.

Results so far: the younger element has in operation a sports league among the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches in Mt. Airy, Germantown, Roxborough and Chestnut Hill. Nine basketball teams are in the league with a schedule running from November 26 to March 11. St. Martin's and St. Paul's have joined in the formation of a team to represent the Episcopal Churches of Chestnut Hill.

For the older members of the parish a study group has been launched and the first series of three discussions designed to be "an introduction to religious education for better modern living," have been held on Sunday evenings in Advent under the leadership of the Rector. The General topics were "Basic Christian Beliefs," Basic Christian Conduct," "Basic Christian Theology." As a background for discussion three volumes by C. S. Lewis ("The Case for Christianity," "Christian Behavior," "Christian Theology") were used.

ESSAY CONTEST ON THE EPISCOPATE

The Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate expects to announce in the next issue of THE CHURCH NEWS an essay competition, open to boys and girls in their senior year in high school, on a subject connected with the Episcopate. The judges will be two members of the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

MEMORIALS

At the Church of St. Matthias, 7485 Briar Road, where extensive improvements have been made, a large number of memorials have been consecrated, including the following:

The Rev. Sydney Goodman, the Altar; Mary K. Reed, a credence table; Harry S. Ducott, a credence table; John E. Swan, the sedilia; Walter D. Matthews, The Missal; Thomas and Margaret Scarlett, a Bible; Eva Victor and Blanche Haley, candelabra; Kate Gotwals, Eucharistic candle holders; Greogory and Elizabeth Trevaskis, Private Communion Set; Doroth Rodney Orth, Ciborium; Buddy Barth, Baptismal Spoon; William Heffner, Altar super frontal, fair linen, two credence table covers; Caroline Lovett Bright, Prayer Book for Litany Deck; Adolph Gutmann, Flower vases; George Farley, Alms basin; Emma Boonham, Collection plates; Jennie and Robert W. McCarter, Lectern; Warren Place Gotwals, Font; George E. Rowland, Hymn Board; War Service Memorial, the organ.

Pews were given in memory of Jennie F. Ford, Thomas and Mary Madaline Watt, Thomas Taylor, Dr. F. N. Greene, Clara Virginia and Charles William Woessner, Anna Marie and Frank Holt, Margaret G. Downs, Ellen M. Miles, Frank W. Livezey and Anita Livezey Aspen, William and Caroline Guenther, Katherine Greer, Mary K. Reed, David E. Reed, Berbie Broxholme and Constance Lenore Hare, William and Margaret Greer, George E. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson, Andrew Miles, Blanche Ludwick, Georgiana M. Cridland, William H. Stitz, Jr., Charles D. and Elizabeth M. Orr, George W. Rumpf, Sr. and George W. Rumpf, Jr., George Ruppert Berry, Mrs. Isabel G. Lipp.

Lights of Stained Glass were given in memory of Henry Ortman (6), T. Roy MacMaster (9), Charles W. Scott, Eden Seeley Tomlinson, Martha, Henry, Elizabeth, Ernest Baily, Miss Edith Ridgeway Phillips, Howard Silpath Phillips, Sr., John Klofach, Miss Clementine Klofach, John C. Walbridge (2), John Charles and Clara Mitten Rigg, William and Clara Hayes (5), Charles Wilson, Samuel Carpenter, Cleon Book, William John Dohmen, Charles Gramer, Miss Josephine Gramer, Miss Pauline Gramer, Miss Clara Gramer, Anna Leonhardt, Arno Leonhardt, Sr., Arno Leonhardt, Jr., Miss Helen Leonhardt, William Colsher Hubbs, Howard Charlton Brown, George Selden Gates, William G. Reber, Sarah Anna Flavell, Elizabeth Trevaskis, Gregory Trevaskis, Clement Trevaskis, Walter George Yeates, Ralph Douglas Yeates, Miss Genevieve Anastasia Bale, Gertrude Thornton Richards, Frank George Bale, Sr., John K. Stroup, Thomas Mitchell Watt, Mary Madaline Watt, Charles W. Foppert, Jr., Thomas M. and Mary M. Watt, Louden Benner, Ellen Miles (2), Mrs. Eugene Loreaux (3).

At All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, the following memorials were recently dedicated: Bishop's chair in memory of Sarah Seeholtz Metzer; Litany book in memory of Ollie C. Wagner; Altar, in memory of Lt. Col. Alfred Forbes Fay; Litany desk in memory of Carl Fletcher Smith.

A new Lectern marker and Pulpit fall have been given to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, in loving memory of Elizabeth Hey Conway.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, has received three sets of book markers for Bible and Altar Service Book in violet, green, and white; also a green pulpit hanging, the gift of Mrs. Verne J. Weber. A white pulpit hanging has been given in loving memory of Harriet H. and Rachel W. Firth.

Members of the W. A. of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, have placed the name of the late Emily Hoskins Gawthrop in the Book of Remembrance of the Diocesan W. A. Interest from money raised for this purpose is used for some service to promote the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth, a crusade in which Mrs. Gawthrop was vitally interested.

A blue rug for the altar step has been given to St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario Streets, in loving memory of James Marsden. Also a violet altar frontal in loving memory of Sarah Ann Edwards.

A new window was recently dedicated in Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, in loving memory of James, Sarah, William, John and Henry Rawlings, and Frederick J. Maertens.

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The Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, retired Bishop of New York, died on November 28 and was buried from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Bishop Hart attended the funeral of Bishop Manning, who was formerly a clergyman of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having served as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, from 1896 to 1898.

Miss Marion Hart, Librarian of the Seamen's Church Institute, died on November 20th and was buried from the Church of the Holy Trinity on November 23rd.

The Rev. Paul S. Atkins, rector of St. John's Church, York, Pa., who died on November 9, was formerly active in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1917 and was ordained by Bishop Rhinelander. He was in charge of St. Andrew's Mission, West Manayunk and Incarnation Mission, Morrisville, before he was called to York.

Mrs. Mary B. P. Mitchell, widow of the late Rev. James C. Mitchell, former rector of Calvary Church, Germantown, died at North Wales on November 9 and was buried on November 12 from the Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd.

"*The Chimes*" of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, says:

"We regret deeply the death of Mr. Herbert P. Onyx who has been a faithful member of Holy Trinity for many years past, and who has served in a very valuable way as Vestryman for some fourteen years. May his soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him. Also with deep sense of our loss we mourn the death of Mr. Lawrence J. Morris who also has been a most loyal and devoted member of Holy Trinity and who has served the Parish as Vestryman for some forty years. We are grateful for his past services and commend his soul into God's merciful care and keeping."

Mrs. Caroline G. Granger, wife of Mr. Percival H. Granger, an active layman of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, died on November 26, at Madison, Wisconsin, while on a visit to her son.

Mr. James H. Bell, died on December 2 and was buried on December 7 from the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, where he had been superintendent of the Sunday School.

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